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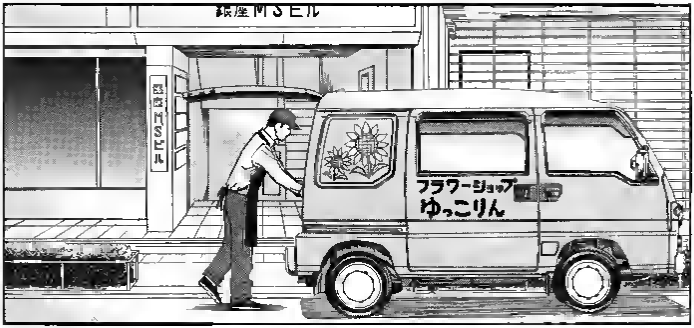

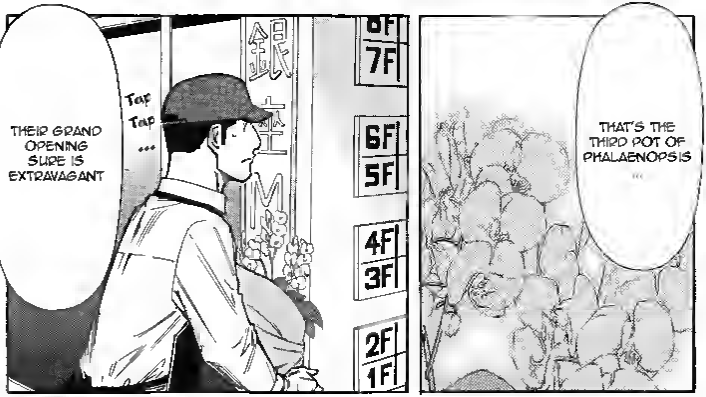

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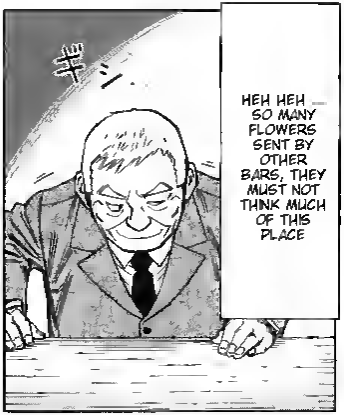
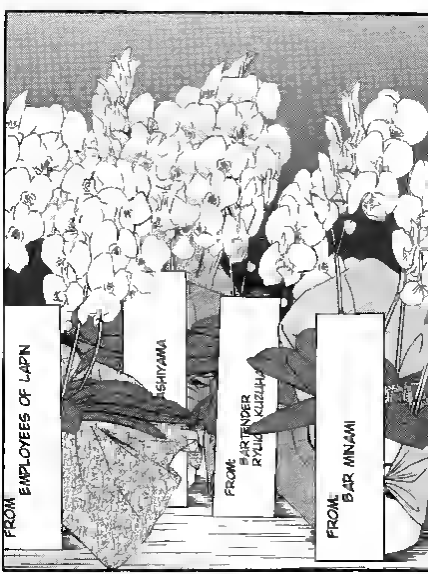
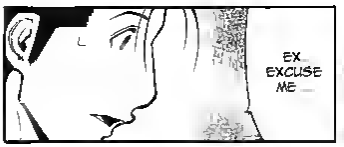
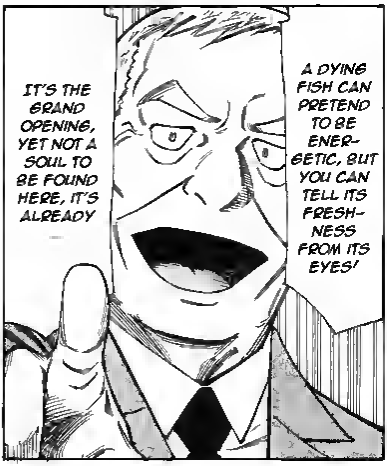
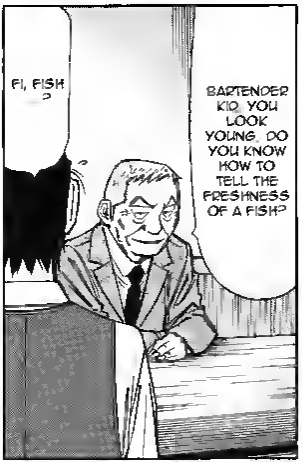
WHAT? THEY STILL HAVEN'T RE-MODELED!


HEH HEH... SO MANY FLOWERS SENT BY OTHER BARS, THEY MUST NOT THINK MUCH OF THIS PLACE


FROM: EMPLOYEES OF LAPIN
FROM: BARTENDER RYUICHI KUZUHA
FROM: BAR MINAMI


EX... EXCUSE ME...


A DYING FISH CAN PRETEND TO BE ENERGETIC, BUT YOU CAN TELL ITS FRESHNESS FROM ITS EYES!
IT'S THE GRAND OPENING, YET NOT A SOUL TO BE FOUND HERE, IT'S ALREADY


FI, FISH?
BARTENDER KID, YOU LOOK YOUNG. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TELL THE FRESHNESS OF A FISH?

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WOW~ THIS PLACE HAS QUITE AN ANTIQUE FEEL!
AH! WE'RE THE FIRST CUSTOMERS!
WEL-COME!
YO KID! YOU WORKING HARD?
HE HE I BROUGHT THE WHOLE GANG TODAY
UH …
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER?

OK
I ONLY DRINK GIN TONIC
I WANT SOMETHING DELICIOUS BUT NOT STRONG!
LET'S START WITH A MARTINI
I WANT A COSMO-POLITAN
SAME!
Turns

IT MUST BE TOUGH HANDLING THINGS BY YOURSELF
I JUST GOT BACK FROM CALIFORNIA, AND TO MY SURPRISE, I FOUND THIS OLD PLACE REOPENED AGAIN
HAVE YOU BEEN HERE BEFORE?
BEEFEATER
SMIRNOFF
Clang ...
NOT REALLY, IT'S MANAGEABLE

HE USES ICE TO CHILL THE GLASSES AND SHAKER BEFOREHAND ... NICE TOUCH, BUT TASTE IS THE THING THAT MATTERS
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CAUSE IT'S EXPENSIVE AND IT ATTRACTS ATTENTION!
HOW COME MOST PEOPLE GIVE PHALAE-NOPSIS ON GRAND OPENINGS?
IT'S LANGAUGE OF FLOWERS IS "HAPPINESS WILL COME SOON" IT'S VERY AUSPICIOUS!
MISS, THAT'S NOT ALL! PHALAE-NOPSIS'S PEDALS RESEMBLES THE WINGS OF A BUTTERFLY NOT ONLY IS IT BEAUTIFUL, BUT IT LASTS LONG

MM... I GUESS YOU CAN SAY I'M THIS BAR'S COMPETITION
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS! YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ARE YOU THE OWNER OF A BAR?
HM? THAT'S...?
THIS B...R'S COMPETITION!? WHO IS HE...
SQUEEZE...

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THIS IS GIN TONIC, PLEASE ENJOY
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!
FIVE MINUTES LATER
OH~ HE'S BETTER THAN I EXPECTED

Shiver
Shiver
THIS FRAGRANCE
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE~!?
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC IS THIS
NO THAT'S NOT IT
THIS GIN TONIC IS IT NOT TO YOUR LIKING?
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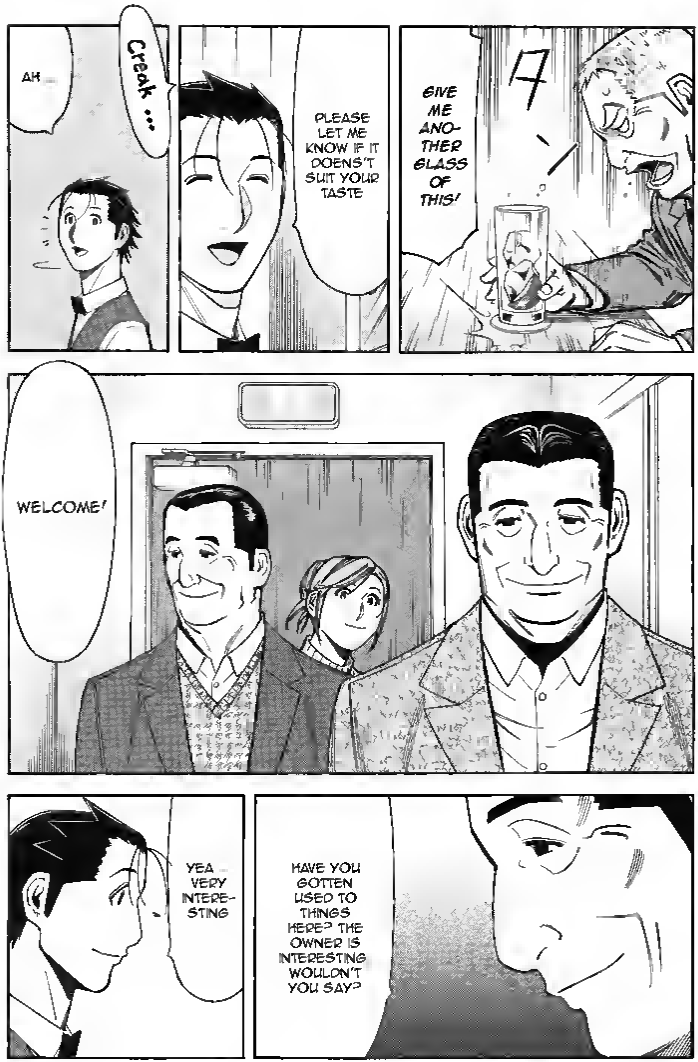
Ah...
Creak...
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF IT DOESN'T SUIT YOUR TASTE
GIVE ME ANOTHER GLASS OF THIS!
WELCOME!
YEA VERY INTERESTING
HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO THINGS HERE? THE OWNER IS INTERESTING WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

YES?
YOU LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING
.....
Creak ...
WELCOME
AH I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE BUT IT'S ALREADY FULL~
PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE
Sorry ...
NO WORRIES, WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE HOW MUCH?
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE!

SASAKURA LET ME KNOW IF IT GETS TOO BUSY. I CAN SNEAK OUT AND COME HELP YOU
SURE
GIVE ME ANO-THER!
I GUESS YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT BY YOUR-SELF
...
HELP? SHE WANTS TO HELP ?
THANK YOU
HE DINE AND DASHED!
AH! THAT GUY FROM EARLIER IS GONE!
HM?

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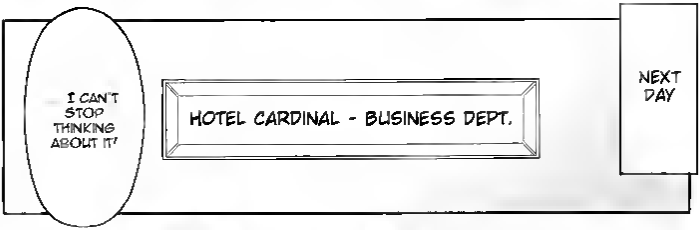
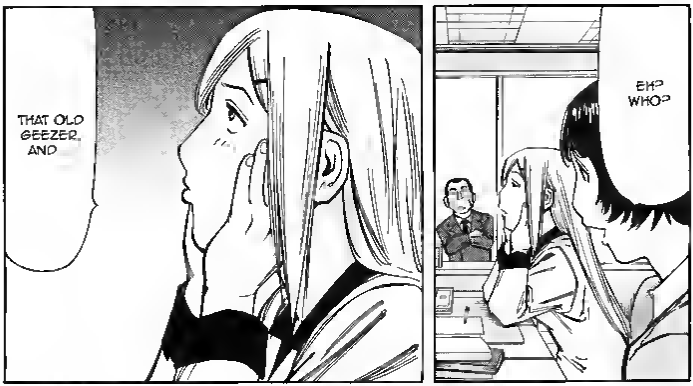
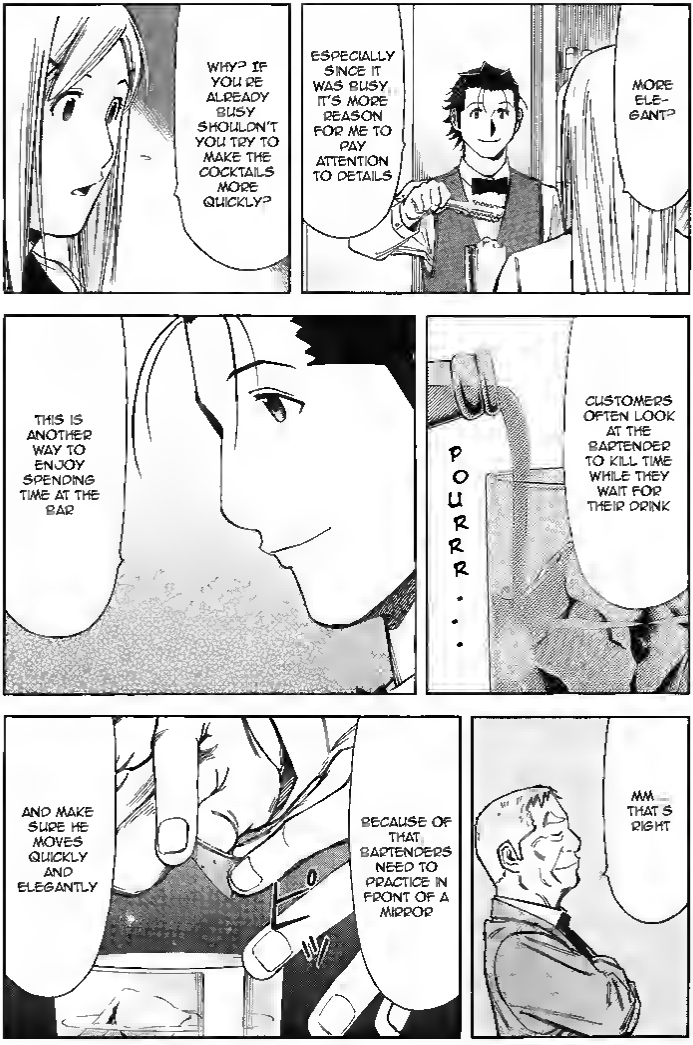
DON'T WORRY HE DIDN'T DINE AND DASH


I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT!
HOTEL CARDINAL - BUSINESS DEPT.
NEXT DAY


THAT OLD GEEZER, AND
EH? WHO?

HE WAS PROBABLY DEEP IN THOUGHT, AND JUST STROLLED OUT WITHOUT REALIZING IT
HE DIDN'T DINE AND DASH. IF HE REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO PAY, HE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIS HANDKERCHIEF ON THE SEAT
- FEW DAYS LATER -
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT OLD GEEZER WHO DIDN'T PAY?
Creak ...
Ah,
HE SAID HE'S IN THE SAME BUSINESS. HE PROBABLY CAME HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE! OLD GEEZER!
.....
WHO'S AN OLD GEEZER? YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?!
SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED A FEW DAYS AGO. MY SERVICE WAS INADEQUATE
OH! I FORGOT TO PAY. YOU DIDN'T SCOLD ME, BUT APOLOGIZED INSTEAD. WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

DO YOU WANT TO DRINK GIN TONIC TODAY AS WELL?
YES
GIN TONIC IS A SIMPLE COCKTAIL BUT THE PROCESS CAN DIFFER VASTLY
THE WAY I MAKE IT, I WOULD FIRST
SQUEEZE LIME JUICE INTO THE GIN
Stab
THAT'S IT! WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THAT?!
SQUEEZING IT HARD WILL ADD SOME OF THE LIME PEEL'S BITTER FLAVOR
SQUEEZE ...
ANOTHER REASON I DO THIS IS BECAUSE IT'S MORE ELEGANT


WHY? IF YOU'RE ALREADY BUSY SHOULDN'T YOU TRY TO MAKE THE COCKTAILS MORE QUICKLY?
ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS BUSY IT'S MORE REASON FOR ME TO PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS
MORE ELEGANT?
THIS IS ANOTHER WAY TO ENJOY SPENDING TIME AT THE BAR
POURRR...
CUSTOMERS OFTEN LOOK AT THE BARTENDER TO KILL TIME WHILE THEY WAIT FOR THEIR DRINK
AND MAKE SURE HE MOVES QUICKLY AND ELEGANTLY
BECAUSE OF THAT BARTENDERS NEED TO PRACTICE IN FRONT OF A MIRROR
MM... THAT'S RIGHT

THAT'S WHY HE APOLOGIZED ...
THE FASTER THEY FINISH MAKING THE COCKTAIL THE MORE TIME THEY CAN HAVE TO CHAT WITH THE CUSTOMER
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BUT EVERY SKILL A BARTENDER HAS IS THERE FOR THE CUSTOMER
EXCUSE ME SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY COMPETITOR
Gulp ...
EXCELLENT! YOU ARE INDEED WORTHY TO BE MY COMPETITOR!
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HEH HEH HEH DO YOU KNOW WHY IN THE PAST IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR THIS BAR TO RUN OUT OF BUSINESS?

BAR MINAMI UPSTAIRS IS AN OLD BAR, AND THEY GET LOTS OF BUSINESS
THE HAVE AN ENDLESS STREAM OF CUSTOMERS
DURING WINTER, WHEN BAR MINAMI'S CUSTOMERS FINISH DRINKING
THEIR BODIES BECOME MORE SENSITIVE TO THE COLD WEATHER
AND WHEN THEY FEEL LIKE GETTING ANOTHER DRINK, WHAT APPEARS IN FRONT OF THEM~~~
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IS MY DELICIOUS STORE! THAT'S WHY CUSTOMERS NEVER GO TO THE BASEMENT! THEY WOULD COME TO MINE INSTEAD!
THAT'S WHY NO MATTER HOW SKILLED THE BARTENDER IS
HE HE HE... THIS PLACE WILL GO OUT OF BUSINESS!
REA-LLY?
I HIGHLY DOUBT THAT...

BUT TO COMMEMORATE YOUR GRAND OPENING HERE'S A GIFT AND THE MONEY I OWE FROM BEFORE
IT'S A PITY, BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT ME!
AS LONG AS I'M HEALTHY, THIS PLACE WON'T LAST LONG
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OH I FORGOT TO ASK. THAT GIN TONIC YOU MADE — HOW COME THE FRAGRANCE CAN LAST SO LONG?
COME TO MY STORE LATER! I'VE BEEN IN GINZA FOR 50 YEARS I'LL SHOW YOU THE SERVICE AND FLAVOR OF A REAL EXPERT!
BECAUSE

OH~
Creak...
AFTER I FINISHED, I BEND THE LIME PEEL TOWARDS THE DRINK. THIS ALLOWS THE FRAGRANCE TO STICK TO THE ICE. SINCE ICE WON'T SINK, THE FRAGRANCE WILL LAST UNTIL THE END
DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO PUT SO MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT...
YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A TOUGH ONE
I DON'T THINK HE'S FROM A BAR. BARS DON'T COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER THAT'S WHY SO MANY BARS CAN SURVIVE IN A CRAMPED CITY LIKE GINZA
...THAT OLD GEEZER COMES AND GOES LIKE THE WIND! WHAT BAR IS HE FROM?
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ABERLOUR
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MACALLAN
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THE GLENLIVET
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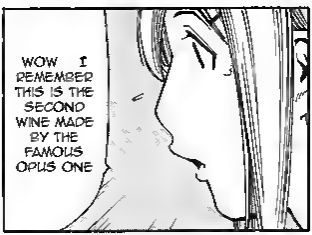
IF THERE ARE 100 BARTENDERS THEN THERE WOULD BE 100 DIFFERENT FLAVORS AND 100 BARS
BARS DON'T COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER?

OVERTURE
ITS NAME IS - OVERTURE

THAT SAID, THIS WINE ...
WHICH IS TO SAY A BAR RELIES ON THE BARTENDER'S PERSONALITY!


WOW I REMEMBER THIS IS THE SECOND WINE MADE BY THE FAMOUS OPUS ONE

WHAT A FANCY GIFT! WHAT KIND OF STORE DOES THAT OLD GEEZER OWN?
OPUS ONE MEANS "FIRST CREATION" HE PROBABLY SAW THIS GRAND OPENING AS THE FIRST CREATION, AND CHOSE "OVERTURE"
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HEY KID! THAT BOTTLE DOESN'T REPRESENT THE OVERTURE OF YOUR STORE. IT REPRESENTS THE OVERTURE OF A WAR! THE REAL BATTLE HAS YET TO START!

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